

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Formal drawings for this application were previously filed in the USPTO on June 2, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to give approval of the filed formal drawings.

Various claims are being amended as shown above. The claim amendments clarify the claim language and are not intended to limit the scope of the claims, unless the claim language is expressly quoted in the following remarks to distinguish over the cited art. No new matter is being added by virtue of the amendment to the claims.

The previously cited Jodoin patent is directed to an integrated circuit 10" and capacitor 20" both mounted on a printed circuit board 14", where the leads 28" of the capacitor 20" will shared the same through-holes 16" (in the board 14") as the ground/power leads of the integrated circuit 10". Therefore, in Jodoin, the leads 28" of the capacitor 20" are in direct physical contact with the leads 12" of the integrated circuit 10", where both the leads 28" and the leads 12" are inserted through the holes 16" in order to achieve the direct physical contact between the leads 28" and 12". As a result, the printed circuit board 14" does not separate and does not prevent direct physical contact between the integrated circuit 10" and the capacitor 20". Therefore, Jodoin does not disclose various features as recited in claim 13. Accordingly, claim 13 is patentable over Jodoin.

The previously cited Kozak patent is directed to a main circuit board 114 with a capacitor 412 having capacitance and with a mounted integrated circuit package 112. Therefore, in Kozak, the leads 116 of the integrated circuit package 112 are in direct physical contact with the

leads of the capacitor 412, where both the leads 116 and the capacitor 412 leads are inserted through the holes 118 in order to achieve the direct physical contact between the leads 116 and the capacitor 412 leads. As a result, the main circuit board 114 does not separate and does not prevent direct physical contact between the integrated circuit package 112 and the capacitor 412. Therefore, Kozak does not disclose various features as recited in claim 13. Accordingly, claim 13 is patentable over Kozak.

Various claims each depends from claim 13, and are each patentable over the cited references, for at least the same reasons that claim 13 is patentable over the cited references. Furthermore, each of the dependent claims distinguishes over the cited references by reciting additional features in combination with the features recited in the respective base claim.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims.


If the undersigned attorney has overlooked a teaching in the cited reference that is relevant to the allowability of the claims, the Examiner is respectfully requested to specifically point out where such teachings may be found.

CONTACT INFORMATION


If the Examiner has any questions or needs any additional information, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (805) 681-5078.

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